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Beautiful day. Little to do at the office.

It seems that at the Baden-Baden meeting the French were firmly against having U.K. and U.S. observers for the political community conference of deputies which will commence about September 20 at Rome and last a month. Tommy was at Baden-Baden incognito and picked up a lot of interesting information, as did Stan Cleveland. They think the outcome was helpful to Adenauer in his electoral campaign.

Tonight we went to dinner at Margaret Biddle's - about thirty people. I sat between her and Carmel Snow. Had an interesting talk with Joe Kingsbury-Smith, who had been in Egypt about ten days ago. He is convinced, on the basis of his conversations with Naguib, that the British could make a satisfactory deal with the Egyptians on the Suez Canal issue if they would move fast. However, Naguib thinks [redacted] as long as Churchill is Prime Minister no such negotiation can be successful. It was announced tonight that Churchill is returning to full-time labours tomorrow — what a magnificent old hero he is.

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